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1. The amendment filed on 02 December 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

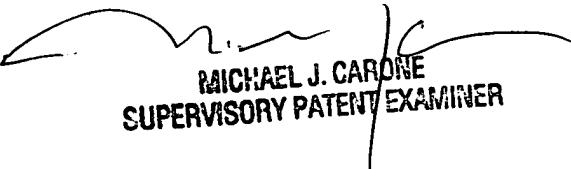
- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The proposed 312 will not be entered since it changes the scope of the claim.

The claim, as allowed, recited "at least one of which" (ie, the flexible shield layers) "is made of a flexible ceramic fabric" and that "the at least one flexible shield layers has an areal density ...".

The proposed change no longer requires that "the at least one flexible layer" (ie, the flexible ceramic fabric one) "has an areal density...", only that one of the plurality of spaced apart flexible shield layers has the areal density. In this instance, the flexible shield layer of ceramic fabric does not have this areal density, one of the other layers can have this density.

Therefore, the amendment is disapproved.



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